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In the Amendment filed on May 2, 2006, claim 56 is denoted as "Currently Amended" however, this is a newly submitted claim, thus, should be disclosed as "New". Claim 57 is also newly submitted however, the claim has no status identifier. In addition, the text of claims 57-59 are completely underlined, which is improper since the claims are new. The text of the claims is only underlined when it is being amended following submission. As the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a Non-Final Office Action and since the amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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